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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES

SUBJECT: Proposed US-USSR Electrochemical Bilateral
Specialized Agreement (U)

1. (U) Reference is made to my memorandum, subject State Department Request for COMEX Views on Proposed Topic under the S&T Bilateral (U), dated 2 Sep 75.
2. (U) The Army recommends that Dr. Hugh Barger, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, be nominated as a US representative when subject exchange topic is adopted under the S&T Bilateral.
3. (U) Dr. Barger is currently teaching Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Previous to this position he was employed by the US Army Mobility Equipment Research and Development Center, Electrochemical Division, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He worked in the area of fuel cell catalysts, kinetics, and interactions between fuel cell electrodes and electrolytes. Dr. Barger has served as technical chairman for the Fuel Cell and Battery Sections of the last three annual Intersociety Energy Conversion Engineering Conferences (IECEC) which has included noted Soviet participants such as Dr. N. A. Schumilova, Dr. N. V. Korovin and other Soviet electrochemical academicians.
4. (C) Dr. Barger has extensive experience in international data exchange programs. While employed by the US Army Materiel Command he represented US interests in a US-West German technical data exchange program in the area of fuel cells and batteries. In this capacity he prepared excellent reports which were beneficial in the production of Defense Intelligence Agency technical trend studies associated with electrochemical power sources.
5. (C) For your background information, Dr. Barger was recently invited by Dr. N. A. Schumilova to visit the Soviet Institute of Electrochemistry (VN II) in Moscow. Should he make the trip, he should be able to provide

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valuable reports on Soviet R&D efforts in electrochemical power sources. This trip should enhance his prospects for selection on the US delegation under the electrochemical topic.

6. It is requested that COMEX request State Department to nominate Dr. Barger to the National Science Foundation as a member of the US delegation on electrochemistry.



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